IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraphs [0023], [0054], [0055], [0057], and [0063]-[0068] as follows:

[0023] Figs. 5A, and 5B ~~and 5C~~ are perspective views illustrating another connection assembly and fixing block in accordance with the present invention and Fig. 5C is a cross sectional view of the connection assembly and fixing block along section line V-V in Fig. 5B;

[0054] Fig. 8 shows the elongated vertical support 20 mounted to the wall 4. In the illustrated embodiment, the upper mounting member 60 includes a horizontal support 70. The horizontal support 70 has a structure complimentary to the elongated vertical support 20, (i.e., it has a similar cross-sectional structure). The horizontal support 70 includes a first end portion 72, a second end portion 74 and receiving channels ~~80 and 82~~. The first end portion 72 of the horizontal support 70 is fixably connected to the top portion 24 of the elongated vertical support 20 through the use of a corner connector 140, illustrated in greater detail in Fig. 23. Alternatively, the elongated vertical support 20 and the horizontal support 70 can be formed integrally as one complete unit. The second end portion 74 of the horizontal support 70 is fixedly mounted to the wall 4 through the use of a fixing block 76. The fixing block 76 is configured to engage and receive the horizontal support 70 in a manner similar to the engagement of the elongated vertical support 20 and the lower connection assembly 56 and the upper connection assembly 66. The fixing block 76 may be fastened to the horizontal support 70 using a suitable fastener. The fixing block 76 is also preferably bolted to the wall 4 as shown in Fig. 9.

[0055] The lower connection assembly 56, the upper connection assembly 66, and the fixing block 76 can be shaped to accommodate the first vertical panel 100 and the second vertical panel 102. For example, the side cut-out 57 of the lower connection assembly 56, the upper connection assembly 66, and the fixing block 76, which line ~~lines~~ up with the first panel receiving channel 40 and the second panel receiving channel 42 of the elongated vertical support 20 (or which line ~~lines~~ up with the first receiving channel ~~80~~ and second receiving channel ~~82~~ of the horizontal support 70), can have a cut-out which accommodates the first vertical panel 100 and the second vertical panel 102.

[0057] The elongated vertical support 20 and the horizontal support 70 mounted to the wall 4 is illustrated in Figs. 9, 10A and 10B. In Fig. 9, the horizontal support 70 is mounted directly to the wall 4 using the fixing block 76. In Figs. 10A and 10B, the horizontal support 70 is mounted to the wall 4 indirectly via a horizontal track assembly 90.

The horizontal track assembly 90 is fixedly mounted to the wall 4 by the use of fasteners such as screws or other devices passing through through-holes in the horizontal track assembly 90. The horizontal track assembly 90 includes a first track 92 shaped to receive the fixing block 76 mounted to the horizontal support 70, as shown in Fig. 10A. The horizontal track assembly 90 can also include a second track 94 shaped to receive the fixing block 76 and a horizontal panel 98, as shown in Fig. 10B. The fixing block 76 is mounted to the horizontal track assembly 90 such that the fixing block 76 can be slidable within the first track 92 and/or the second track 94 of the horizontal track assembly 90. The horizontal panel 98 can be used in conjunction with the horizontal track assembly 90, as shown in Fig. 10B, to create an enclosed storage area or a top shelf. The second track 94 is shaped to receive an end portion ~~96~~ of the horizontal panel 98. The horizontal panel 98 is supported by the second track 94 and the horizontal support 70. The elongated vertical support 20 used in conjunction with the horizontal support 70 and a vertical panel 100 is illustrated in Fig. 11.

[0063] Various storage components for use in the modular storage system will now be described in greater detail. An adjustable bracket 110 having a support assembly 118 is illustrated in Fig. 15. The support assembly 118 includes a top part 1181 and bottom part 1182 adjustable with respect to each other and operable to clamp onto a storage component 120. For example, the support assembly 118 is clampable onto a shelf, as shown in Fig. 18A. The support assembly 118 may be used to support a drawer assembly 220, as shown in Fig. 18B. The support assembly 118 may also be used to support a basket assembly 320 having one or more slidable baskets, as shown in Fig. 18B. The top and bottom parts of the support assembly 118 can accommodate a multitude of other storage components 120, including shelves of various thicknesses and/or a drawer, for example. The support assembly 118 is mountable to the elongated vertical support 20 and/or the horizontal support 70 via the engaging assembly 112 in conjunction with the locking assembly 113 and the channel 30. The adjustable bracket 110 including the support assembly 118, shown in Fig. 15, is mountable to the channel 30 by inserting the locking assembly 113 into the channel 30, rotating it via the fastener 114 into a locked position, and bringing the engaging assembly 112 of the adjustable bracket 110 into frictional contact with the front portion 26 and rear portion 28 of the elongated vertical support 20.

[0064] Various storage components 120 are used in conjunction with corresponding adjustable brackets 110 and support assemblies ~~118~~. For example, the adjustable bracket 110 can be configured so that the support assembly 218~~118~~ can accommodate a storage

component 120 shaped as a bar 126, as illustrated in Fig. 16, which extends between two support assemblies 218~~118~~ of two corresponding adjustable brackets 110 mounted to adjacent elongated vertical supports 20. The engaging assembly 112 of the adjustable bracket 110 is similar to previously discussed embodiments in that it engages the front portion 26 and rear portion 28 of the elongated vertical support 20 corresponding to the channel 30. The adjustable bracket 110 can include a support assembly 318~~118~~ that branches off from the elongated vertical support 20 such that it provides numerous support areas for bars which extend between the two support assemblies 118 to create a shoe rack 124, as shown in Fig. 17. In yet another embodiment illustrated in Fig. 1, the adjustable bracket 110 can include a support assembly 318~~118~~ that can accommodate a drawer 128. It is contemplated that many different types of storage components 120 can be accommodated by adjustable brackets 110 and their corresponding support assemblies 118, 218, 318 and 418.

[0065] The storage component 120 can include edging in order to strengthen the storage component 120 as illustrated in Fig. 18A. For example, the shelf 122 can include edging 123 along the length of the edge of the shelf 122. The edging 123 can include endcaps 125 secured to ends of the edging 123. The adjustable bracket 110, with support assembly 118 designed to accommodate a shelf 122, can also accommodate the edging 123 used in conjunction with the shelf 122. Alternatively, the structure of the adjustable bracket 110 can incorporate the shelf edging into the structure of the support assembly 118, providing the adjustable bracket 110 and edging as one integral unit.

[0066] A door mounting bracket 130 is illustrated in Fig. 19. The door mounting bracket 130 includes an adjustable bracket 110 with a corresponding engaging assembly 112 and support assembly 418~~118~~. When installed into a locked position on the elongated vertical supports 20, the support assemblies 418~~118~~ of the door mounting bracket 130 extend outward from their corresponding elongated vertical supports 20. The door mounting bracket 130 includes a mounting surface at the extremity of the door mounting bracket 130, opposite the engaging assembly 112. The engaging assembly 112 of the door mounting bracket 130 can be oriented at 90° to the extension of the corresponding support assembly 418~~118~~, as shown in Fig. 20. In this configuration, the door mounting bracket 130 can be mounted to a channel 30 on the side of the elongated vertical support 20. In another embodiment of the door mounting bracket 130, the engaging assembly 112 is oriented in the direction of extension of the support assembly 418~~118~~ as shown in Fig. 21. In this arrangement, the door

mounting bracket 130 can be mounted to a channel 30 on the front of the elongated vertical support 20.

[0067] Other embodiments of various adjustable brackets 110 can be similarly designed to facilitate mounting of the adjustable brackets 110 to the front or side channels 30 of the vertical support 20. It is contemplated that the orientation of the engaging assemblies 112 with respect to the support assemblies 418~~118~~ can be oblique, and not limited to angles of 0° or 90°. The adjustable brackets 110 can be mounted to the top or side channels 30 of the horizontal support 70 at varying angles as well.

[0068] Additional elongated vertical supports 20 can be used, each with a corresponding door mounting bracket. As illustrated in Fig. 19, multiple elongated vertical supports 20 are used. The door mounting brackets 130 are connected to a door receiving track assembly 134 via the mounting surfaces of the support assemblies 418~~118~~ of the door mounting brackets 130.